

August 2010

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International Lighthouse and Lightship week-
end 21 & 22 August**

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Netherlands Antilles

(More on Bonaire, the 10/10/10 Break-up and a full Press Release on the Upcoming Operation). Kelly, NOVD, provides more info to OPDX regarding the postponed referendum, and wanted to clarify a few points that may be confusing for those not following the political process on Bonaire. He states, "In short, the referendum has no affect on 10.10.10 transition date. It was simply an attempt by some of the minority political leaders to gauge the opinion of the Bonaire people as to whether they agree or disagree with how the whole political process has taken place and the eventual outcome."

He quotes the "Bonaire Reporter" dated 16 August: "On Friday, the 13th, Bonaire's planned referendum was postponed until further notice. The Island Council adopted an amendment stating a referendum would be held 'on a date to be determined later per Island Ordinance.'"

"The action effectively cancelled the Island' Government's attempt to test the mood of the people prior to the integration of the island with Holland on 10 October 2010. The Referendum's outcome in any case would not have affected the integration."

"The amendment was offered by independent councilman Anthony Nicolaas. Opposition leader Ramonsito Booi asked for a vote but his four-person faction got up and left without voting, leaving the amendment to be accepted by the four Democratic party members and Nicolaas."

"The Referendum Committee had asked to postpone the poll from 3 September to 1 October to have more time to organise it properly. One of the matters that came up during the meeting was that the cost of conducting the referendum was estimated to be NAF 500 000. The budget approved earlier was only NAF 350 000."

Kelly, states, "So in essence, the referendum (or lack of) has little affect on our planned DXpedition." He also mentioned that they anticipate having their group's Web site to go live this week.

The following is a full press release on the upcoming Bonaire operation:

Press Release: 10-10-2010, New DXCC activation of PJ4, Bonaire

Date: 11 August 2010

The end of a country - The Netherlands Antilles With a 99% certainty, many things are about to change for the people and all radio amateurs in the Netherlands Antilles. On 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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and the islands will emerge with several new statuses:

* St. Maarten and Curaçao will become an independent country within the Kingdom and will be granted the same status that Aruba attained in 1986.

* Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius (also called BES islands) will be given the status of a public body (a kind of special municipality) in the Netherlands and will therefore fall directly under Dutch rule.

What does this mean for radio amateurs? The two current DXCC entities of PJ2/PJ4 (Leeward Islands) and PJ5/PJ6/PJ7 (Windward Islands) are expected to be deleted. However, several new entities are likely to emerge on 10 October 2010.

* Both St. Maarten (PJ7) and Curacao (PJ2) will become a new DXCC entity.

* Bonaire (PJ4) will become a new DXCC entity.

* Saba (PJ6) along with St. Eustatius (PJ5) will become a single DXCC entity due to their proximity to each other.

In short, two entities will be disappearing, but four will come back!

Activities from Bonaire. Everyone knows what an activation of a new DXCC country means and that is why a group of radio amateurs from Bonaire, Germany, The Netherlands and the United States have joined forces to successfully activate Bonaire.

From six locations around the island, a group of between 15 and 20 amateurs will activate Bonaire between 10 and 24 October 2010. The primary focus will be all HF bands from 160 to 10 metres including the WARC bands. Due to the time of year, 6 meters will not likely produce much activity, but it will be a consideration. The team will focus on all modes including SSB, CW and various digital modes.

Call signs. Call signs will be announced prior to the activation. However, we expect the prefix to continue to be PJ4 even after 10 October. Further information about the call signs to be used will be published on our website - <http://www.bonaire2010.com>

Radio Netherlands. With six locations around the island, there should be plenty of opportunity for a QSO. However, our premiere location is that of the short-wave transmitter site, Radio Netherlands. Bonaire is home to a large relay station and its impressive aerial park, which provides up to 21 dBd gain. We are extremely pleased to announce that with the co-operation of the World Service, our group of radio amateurs has been granted use of the antennas during their "dead hours" on the HF bands.

In addition to our other locations, we anticipate being active on HF daily between 12:30 and 18:30 UTC from the Radio Netherlands facility. We expect to utilise this opportunity on 30,

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20, 15 and 17 metres. Radio Netherlands is also expected to air a special program dedicated to the new status of the radio amateurs on Sunday 10 October.

More information will be available on the Radio Netherlands' website www.rnw.nl or on the DXpedition website - www.bonaire2010.com.

Contacts with schools. Between 11 and 15 October, the World Service's facility will also serve another purpose. A group of schoolchildren from Bonaire will be contacting another group of children in the Netherlands who will be the guest of Dutch radio amateur PD1DX. This will provide an opportunity for the group of new Dutch country citizens to ask each other questions in order to get to know one other a little bit better.

QSL cards. All QSOs will be QSLed through the services of Global QSL who will be responsible for printing and distributing cards to all QSL bureaus world-wide. If you do not use a QSL bureau or would like to send for a direct confirmation, all QSL information will be published on our website - <http://www.bonaire2010.com>

Website with online log. Up to date information will be published on our website - <http://www.bonaire2010.com>. Information on Bonaire, sponsors, activation plans and the participants will be listed. In addition, we expect to have an on-line log.

Given the expected pile-ups, we kindly ask everyone who works us after 10 October 2010 and who finds themselves in the log not to call again. We want to give a new country to as many people as possible.

Participating Radio Amateur. At the time of release of this bulletin, the following amateurs will join the activation - Bonaire: PJ4GT, PJ4LS, and PJ4NX; Germany: DL9USA, and DJ8NK; Netherlands: PA8A, PA8F, PA3GVI, PE2MC, PE2KY, and PG4M; United States: K6AM, NOVD, W4PA, and WOLSD, and Puerto Rico: WP3UX.

This list is subject to change. For the latest news about the participants, please visit our website. See you in the pile-ups on 10 October 2010!

DXCC News

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit - 9UXEV - Burundi, 2010 operation.

If you had this QSO rejected in a recent submission, please send a note to dxcc@arrl.org. Please check either your LoTW account or the live online daily DXCC listing, when credits are updated they will appear at these locations.

African DX

Tanzania, 5H. Ro, DL4ME, will be active as 5H3ME between now and 30 August. Activity will be on the HF bands mainly CW. QSL via his home call sign.

Madagascar, 5R. Eric, F6ICX, will once again be active as 5R8IC from Saint Marie Island (AF-090) between 15 November and 18 December. Activity will be holiday style, operating CW, RTTY, and PSK63, and using 100 watts into various GPs or Inverted-Ls and a Hexbeam for 20 - 10 metres. There will be no online log during his activity. QSL via his home call sign, look at QRZ.com. View the pictures of his last trips at <http://f6kbk.free.fr/5r8ic/5r8ic.htm>

The Gambia, C5. Filip, ON4TA (ex-6OOF) will be active as C56FR from Kerr Sering between 21 October and 11 November. This is NOT a DXpedition but a "private visit." Activity will be active on 20 and 17 metres SSB using simple wire antennas and 100 watts. Filip also plans to experi-

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ment with Yagi antennas on 6, 2 m and 70 cm. He mentions that there "might be an opening on 2 m or 70 cm across the Atlantic..." PLEASE QSL by the Bureau to ON4TA.

Special event station

Ireland. EI50UN is currently active on the bands until 31 December 2010 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first Irish Battalion to serve overseas with the United Nations in Congo. QSLs via EI2V (QRZ.com), the Irish Air Corps Amateur Radio Club. Visit the website at www.grz.com/db/EI50UN

Greece. Members of the Radio Amateur Association of West Greece (RAAWG) may use the special prefix SX25 until 27 October. They are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the RAAWG. More information including a special award can be found at <http://www.grz.com/db/sx25a>

Ukraine. The special event station EM75MSD is working in all modes on all bands until 31 August. This call remembers the coal miner Alexey G. Stakhanov who achieved the record of mining 102 tons of coal in 5 hrs and 45 min on 31 August 1935. QSLs via UX7MA.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 16 to 23 August 2010.

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 16 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watt

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 August 2010

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://www.fpqrp.com/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.fpqrp.com/fpqrpun.php>

QRP Fox Hunt

01:00 - 02:30 UTC 18 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 20 m Only

Classes: Single Op - Fox or Hound

Max power: 5 watt

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 19 August 2010

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint Ladder

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 20 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: Single Op

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Max power: 100 watt
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO;
non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA
station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and
KH6) once per band; Each VE province once
per band; Each North American country (ex-
cept W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 22 August 2010
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

SARTG WW RTTY Contest

00:00 - 08:00 UTC and 16:00 - 24:00 UTC 21
August and 08:00 - 16:00 UTC 22 August

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op All
Band Low Power; Single Op Single Band;
Multi-Single; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 Watt; LP: 100 Watt

Exchange: RST and Serial No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with same
country; 10 points per QSO with same conti-
nent; 15 points per QSO with different con-
tinent

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per
band; Each VK, VE, JA, W call area once per
band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 10 October 2010

E-mail logs to: [contest\[at\]sartg\[dot\]com](mailto:contest@sartg.com)

Mail logs to: SARTG Contest Manager, Ewe
Hakansson, SM7BHM, Pilspetsvagen 4, SE-
29166, Kristianstad, Sweden

Find rules at:

<http://www.sartg.com/contest/wwrules.htm>

Russian District Award Contest

08:00 UTC 21 August to 08:00 UTC 22 Au-
gust

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: SOAB Mixed Mode - High or Low;
SOAB Mixed Mode Field - High or Low;
SOAB CW - High or Low; SOAB SSB - High
or Low; Multi-Single Mixed Mode; Multi-
Single Mixed Mode Field; SWL

Exchange: RU: RS(T) and District code; non-
RU: RS(T) and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: RU: 1 point per QSO with same
country; RU: 2 points per QSO with same
country, different continent; RU: 3 points
per QSO with different country, same con-
tinent; RU: 5 points per QSO with different
country, different continent; RU: 10 points
per QSO between Field entrants; non-RU: 10
points per QSO with RU station

Multipliers: RU Stations: Each DXCC country
once per band and each; RDA district once
only; non-RU Stations: Each RDA district
once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 September 2010

E-mail logs to: [rx3rc\[at\]rdaward\[dot\]org](mailto:rx3rc[at]rdaward[dot]org)

Mail logs to: Roman A. Novikov, PO Box 21,
392000 Tambov, Russia

Find rules at: <http://rdaward.org/rdac1.htm>

ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint

15:00 - 18:00 UTC 21 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands;
Low Bands

Exchange: RS, state, province or country and
ARCI number or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI
member; 4 points per non-member QSO with
different continent; 2 points per non-
member QSO with same continent

Bonus points: 5 000 for battery power port-
able with temporary antenna

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Multipliers: States, once per band; VE Provinces, once per band; Countries, once per band

Power Mult: $>10\text{ W} = \times 1$, $2 - 10\text{ W} = \times 7$, $500\text{ mW} - 2\text{ W} = \times 10$, $100 - 500\text{ mW} = \times 15$, $<100\text{ mW} = \times 20$

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points \times (state mults and province mults and country mults) \times power mult) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 21 September 2010

E-mail logs to: contest[at]qrparci[dot]org

Mail logs to: ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint, c/o Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF, 139 Elizabeth St. W., Welland, Ontario L3C 4M3, Canada

Find rules at:

<http://www.qrparci.org/content/view/114/118/>

North American SSB QSO Party

18:00 UTC 21 August to 06:00 UTC 22 August

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP or Low; Multi-Two - Low

Max operating hours: Single Op: 10 hours; Multi-Two: 12 hours

Max power: LP: 100 watt; QRP: 5 watt

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE prov-

ince/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points \times total mults

Submit logs by: 4 September 2010

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqplotsubmit.php>

Mail logs to: Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, 4225 Farmdale Avenue, Studio City, CA 91604, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

New Jersey QSO Party

20:00 UTC 21 August to 07:00 UTC 22 August and 13:00 UTC 22 August to 02:00 UTC 23 August

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 m

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Exchange: NJ: Serial no and county; non-NJ:

Serial no and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO

Multipliers: NJ Station: Each NJ county, state(other than NJ), VE province once;

Non-NJ Station: Each NJ county once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points \times total mults

Submit logs by: 18 September 2010

E-mail logs to: w2rj[at]arrl[dot]net

Mail logs to: Englewood ARA, PO Box 528, Englewood, NJ 07631-0528, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w2rj/index.html>

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 August

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 25 August

RSGB 80 m Club SSB Sprint, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 25 August

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 August

ALARA Contest, 04:00 - 13:59 UTC 28 August and 04:00 - 13:59 UTC 29 August

Hawaii QSO Party, 07:00 UTC 28 August to 20:00 UTC 29 August

SCC RTTY Championship, 12:00 UTC 28 August to 11:59 UTC 29 August

YO DX HF Contest, 12:00 UTC 28 August to 12:00 UTC 29 August

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Kansas QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 28 August to 02:00 UTC 29 August and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 August

Ohio QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 28 August to 04:00 UTC 29 August

SARL HF CW Contest, 14:00 - 16:00 UTC 29 August

This week in History

A look back at events that made history this week - compiled by the Summerland Amateur Radio Club of Lismore, NSW. The week starting Monday 16 August 2010

1770 - Captain James Cook landed on Australia, claimed it for the British Crown

1807 - Fulton's Folly, the steamboat "Clermont" made its first journey

1835 - Solyman Merrick of Springfield, MA patented the wrench

1829 - Original Siamese twins arrive in Boston for exhibition

1841 - John Hampton of New Orleans, LA, received a patent for Venetian blinds

1856 - Gail Borden of Brooklyn, NY patented his process for condensed milk

1868 - Tidal wave swamps Port Jackson (Sydney), Australia

1872 - The first telegraph messages between London and Adelaide were exchanged

1888 - William Burroughs of St. Louis, MO patented his adding machine

1896 - Melbourne Opera House, the first projected film show in Australia

1915 - C. F. Kettering of Detroit, MI patents the electric automobile self-starter

1919 - George Fisk of AWA does first radio 'broadcast' in OZ

1932 - The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) began its first experimental TV broadcast in England

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